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ASSISTANCE TO VISUALLY IMPAIRED TEACHERS AND EMPLOYEES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched any schemes through the University Grants Commission (UGC) for providing financial assistance to the visually impaired teachers, female teachers and other employees; and

(b) if so, the details of such schemes alongwith the implementation status?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMIJI)

(a) & (b): According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the UGC is implementing the following specific schemes for the visually impaired teachers, female teachers and other employees.

i) Financial Assistance to teachers who are visually handicapped. (Blind)

Under the scheme a grant of Rs. 12,000/- p.a. for visually handicapped (blind) permanent teachers, working in the universities and colleges is provided towards Reader Allowance, for purchase of Braille Books, recorded materials etc. During the year 2004-05, an amount of Rs. 16.79 lakhs was paid to visually handicapped teachers.

ii) Day care centers in Universities

The objective of the scheme is to provide day care facilities within the university on payment basis for children of around three months to 6 years of age, when their parents (University employees/ students/ scholars) are away from home during day time. During the year 2004-05, the UGC provided Rs.3.00 lakhs to one Central University and Rs.30.00 lakhs to 10 State Universities.

iii) Infrastructure for women Students, Teachers 8b Non- Teaching Staff.

The objective of the scheme is to provide assistance for creating and strengthening infrastructure for women students, teachers and non-teaching staff in universities. All eligible universities are considered for assistance. Only one time grant of Rs. 10.00 lakhs is made available to a university/institution. During the year 2004-05, a grant amounting to Rs.35.00 lakhs was paid to universities.